

AL-II-B-113  
Crabtree Log House  
Dailey Road  
Keifers, Maryland  
ca. Mid 19th Century

The Crabtree Log House, which was owned by the Alderton family for many years, is an example of the Keifers area 19th century tradition of building log houses supported by stone pillars in the corners. In the early twentieth century, the farm, like many others in the neighborhood, was converted into an orchard. Local residents of the area say that apples produced from some of these farms were brewed into "Apple Jack" at a distillery in what was known as Picardy.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

AL-II-B-113

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Crabtree Log House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Dailey Road, .4 miles south of Gorman Road

CITY, TOWN

Keifers,

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Rose V. Lewis

Telephone #: 395 5170

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21555

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 280

Folio #: 147

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Crabtree Log House is located on Dailey Road four tenths of a mile south of an intersection with the Gorman Road, near Keifers, Maryland.

The building consists of a "L" shaped one and one-half story, six bays wide structure built in two sections. The older log section has been covered with horizontal planks, the addition on the north is of board and batten siding. Logs on the original section are laid with "V" notching. A smaller gable front board and batten addition abuts the larger addition on the west.

The building rests on stone pillars laid at the corners. The roof (both original and addition) is gable flank covered with tin. Eaves consist of an overhanging cornice on the log section and closed verges on the board and batten additions. Of the two brick chimneys, one on the log section was originally outside end but has been enclosed by the addition. The other chimney is on the outside end of the smaller addition.

Windows are nailed 1/1 and 6/6 light double hung windows. On the eastern facade, one and one-half floor there are six light casement windows. Two entrances are located in the center of both the addition and the original. They are four paneled vertical board doors.

A shed roof front porch on the east is deteriorated with square posts. Many small wooden out buildings are scattered to the west of the house.

# **8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Crabtree Log House was owned by the Alderton family for many years. <sup>1</sup>  
 They worked the farm until the early twentieth century when the acreage  
 was converted into orchards. (The U.S.G.S. Oldtown Quadrant Maps shows  
 the property as an orchard). During the first quarter of the century many  
 farms in the area were converted into orchards. Apples produced were  
 brewed into "Apple Jack" at a distillery in what was once known as Picardy. <sup>2</sup>

The Crabtree Log House is one of several log farmhouses in the area  
 supported by stone pillars at the corners. In this case the pillars are  
 simply one or two large stones. The "V" notched log section of the building  
 is in badly deteriorating condition.

Despite the building's poor physical condition it serves as a reminder  
 of the resourcefulness and cultural awareness of local nineteenth century  
 farmers.

1. Allegany Land Records, Liber 84, Folio 186; Liber 203, Folio 193
2. Conversation with local residents, 7/7/78 and 7/11/78.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records

Conversation with local residents, 7/7/78 and 7/11/78

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 147.75 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

David A. Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: AL-II-B-113DATE: 7/6/78REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minorNAME OF PROPERTY: Crabtree Log HouseLOCATION OF PROPERTY: Daily Road - 4 miles south of Gorman RoadDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: EastNAME OF OWNER: Rose V. LewisADDRESS: Oldtown, MarylandSTORIES: 1( ) 2( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6(x) 7( ) ( )WINGS, ADDITIONS: 3 bay board and batten on north gabled. Small gabled board and batten on West of large addition.DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- Additions
- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
(X) LOG "V" notching  
(X) OTHER: Coverings Horizontal planks

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, OthersFOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone None - on stone pillarsWATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded BrickWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: Six light casements  $1\frac{1}{2}$  story eastern facade  
1/1(x) 2/2( ) 6/6(x) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
pegged( ) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: 2 on east at center of both original and additionHARDWARE: original( ) replaced(X)  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

Overhanging on log.

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) closed verges on board and batten  
original(X) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architraveROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original( ) replaced(X)PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(X) hip( ) gable( ) Square postsCHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick(X) Stone( ) Corbeled( ) original(1) replaced(1)  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( $\checkmark$ ) Central( ) Interior( )  
One on originalARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, SemicircularCOMMENTS:USE: Agriculture  
SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture  
DATE CONSTRUCTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CONDITION: Deteriorated

FLOOR PLAN:

- ( ) CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- ( ) SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- ( ) IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- ( ) ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- ( ) OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- ( ) DOG-LEG
- ( ) DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- ( ) SPIRAL
- ( ) ROUNDED
- ( ) SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- ( ) PLASTER
- ( ) PANELED: original; replaced
- ( ) BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal

MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush

HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- ( ) PLAIN
- ( ) ARCHITRAVE
- ( ) SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) FLUTED
- ( ) FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

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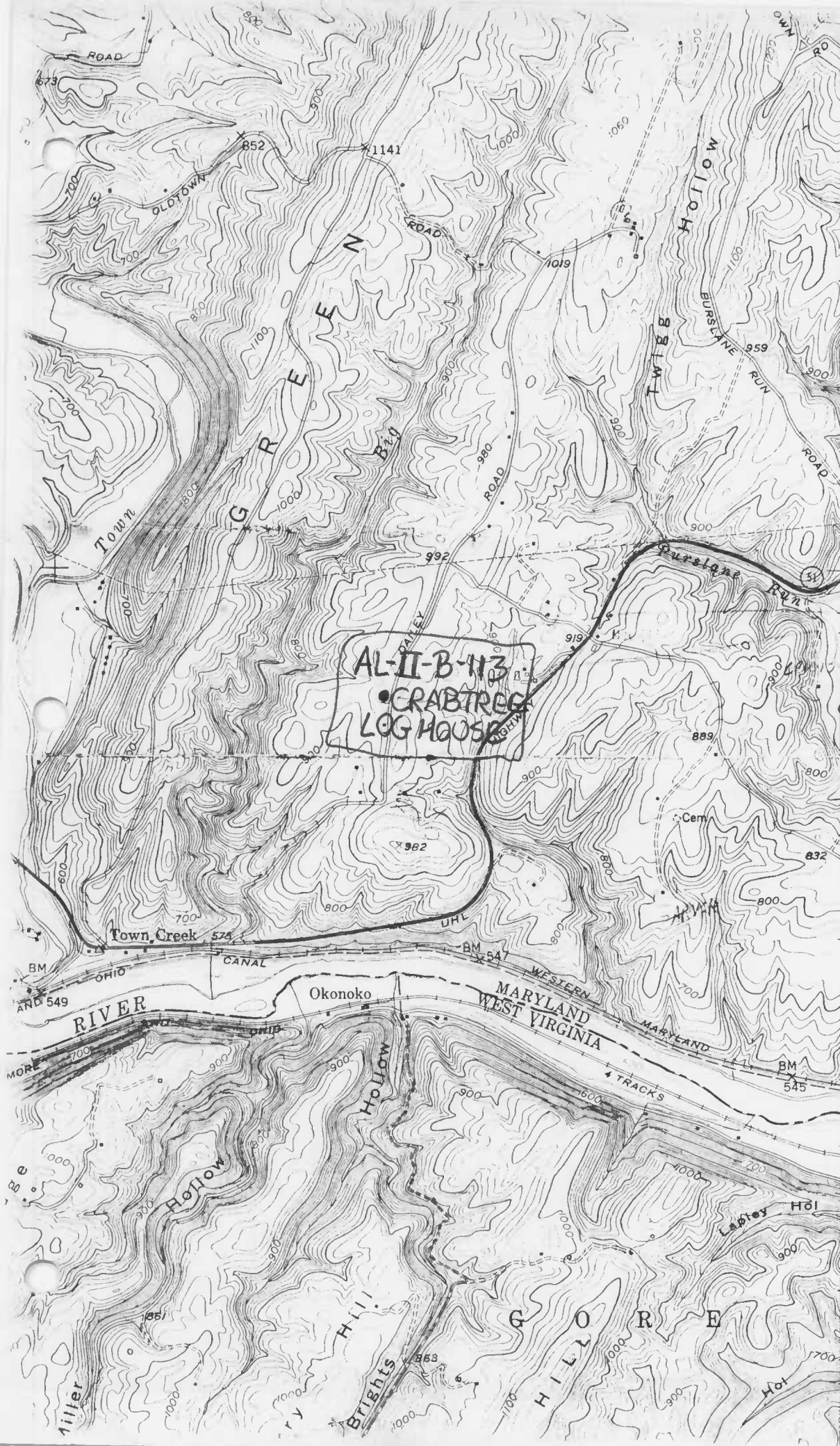
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BERKLEY SPRINGS, W VA 27 MI  
32'30"

AL-II-B-113  
CRABTREE LOG HOUSE  
DAILEY ROAD  
KEIFERS, MD  
USGS OLDTOWN QUAD  
1950

370 000 FEET  
(W. VA.)

4376000m N.





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CRABTREE LOG HOUSE

DAILEY RD, OLDTOWN

DAVID A. DORSEY

7/6/78

EAST



AL-11-B-113

CRABTREE LOG HOUSE

DAILEY RD OLDTOWN

DAVID A. DORSEY

7/6/78

Southwest